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SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS OF 0600 (EDT) JULY 20

THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS. TURKEY LANDED AND DROPPED TROOPS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON CYPRUS EARLY THIS MORNING, BOMBED NICOSIA, AND ATTACKED STRONGHOLDS OF THE GREEK NATIONAL GUARD AND POSSIBLY THE GREEK NATIONAL CONTINGENT. TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECSEVIT SAID THE TURKISH ACTION WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE DIPLOMACY HAD FAILED, AND DECLARED THE TURKISH TROOPS LANDING ON CYPRUS HAD ORDERS NOT TO FIRE UNLESS FIRED UPON. LARGE NUMBERS OF TURKISH SEABORNE FORCES HAVE BEEN LANDING AT KYRENIA NORTH OF NICOSIA AND AT FAMAGUSTA IN THE EAST. ABOUT 1,000 TURK PARATROOPS WERE REPORTED DROPPING INTO TURKISH ENCLAVES NORTH OF NICOSIA AND APPEAR TO HAVE LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON THE CITY'S AIRPORT. ANKARA'S OBJECTIVES APPEAR TO BE TO SECURE THE AREA WHERE THERE IS THE GREATEST CONCENTRATION OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS, NAMELY BETWEEN NICOSIA AND KYRENIA TO THE NORTH AND PERHAPS EXTENDING TO FAMAGUSTA TO THE EAST

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AND NORTHERN ON THE WEST. THERE HAVE BEEN MIXED REPORTS ABOUT THE EXTENT AND INTENSITY OF THE FIGHTING. HOWEVER, IT IS REPORTED THAT SOME INTERCOMMUNAL FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN ALL MAJOR TOWNS. UN REP WICKHAM HAS PROPOSED THAT

NICOSIA BE DECLARED AN OPEN CITY, BUT THE CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD HAS THUS FAR ADAMANTLY REJECTED THIS PROPOSAL.

GREEK REACTION: ACCORDING TO THE US DEFENSE ATTACHE IN ATHENS AND OTHER REPORTS, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE ENOSIS AND DECLARE WAR ON TURKEY IF TURKEY DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW ITS INVADING FORCE FROM CYPRUS. GREEK FORCES ARE REPORTEDLY IN A FULL STATE OF ALERT AND ARE MASSING ALONG THE TURKISH BORDER ALONG THE EVROS RIVER IN THRACE, A LIKELY POINT OF GREEK ATTACK SHOULD HOSTILITIES CONTINUE.

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U.N.: GREEK AMBASSADOR PANAYOTAKOS TOLD AMBASSADOR BENNETT HE COULD ACCEPT A UN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS AND WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN EXCESS OF CURRENT AGREEMENTS.

EVACUATION PLANS: BRITISH, AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGNERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED THROUGH RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THEIR COUNTRIES' RESPECTIVE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SAFEST COURSE IS FOR THEM TO REMAIN AT HOME UNTIL SAFE CONDUCT GUARANTEES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE ISLAND'S BELLIGERENT FORCES. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS AUTHORIZED AMBASSADOR DAVIES, AT HIS DISCRETION, TO HAVE U.S. CITIZENS MOVE OVERLAND TO THE BRITISH SOVEREIGN AREAS, FROM WHICH THEY COULD LATER BE EVACUATED IF NECESSARY. THE TURKS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL PERMIT THE UN, US, AND UK TO USE THE SOUTHERN PORTS OF LIMASSOL AND LARNAKA AS EMBARKATION POINTS. INGERSOLL

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